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SUBJECT: ONTARIO PREMIER TO MAKE MAJOR POLICY SPEECH APRIL 21

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1. ONTARIO PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS WILL ADDRESS THE EMPIRE CLUB OF CANADA APRIL 21 ON THE TOPIC "ONTARIO AND THE NATIONAL DREAM." IN A CONVERSATION WITH ONE OF THE PREMIER'S PRINCIPAL ADVISERS, WE WERE TOLD THE SPEECH WILL BE A MAJOR ONE.

2. COMMENT: THE SPEECH COULD BE PART OF DAVIS' PLANS FOR THE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS EXPECTED IN JUNE. WITH THE BUDGET BEING ANNOUNCED APRIL 19, MANY EXPECT THE MINORITY PC GOVERNMENT TO EITHER CALL ELECTIONS OR FALL THIS WEEK, WITH THE FORMER MOST LIKELY ON THE BASIS THAT THE MINORITY GOVERNMENT CANNOT GOVERN EFFECTIVELY.

3. THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING MEDIA COMMENT IN TORONTO THAT DAVIS HAS HIS EYES ON NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. TRADITION SUGGESTS THAT IF TORIES RETURN WITH A MAJORITY IN ONTARIO, DAVIS WILL QUIT PREMIERSHIP AND PC PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP AFTER A YEAR OR TWO. HIS OWN GOALS AS YOUNG MAN, HIS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, HIS YOUTH (UNDER 50), HIS LOVE OF POLITICS, THE LACK OF DYNAMIC FEDERAL PC LEADERSHIP AND THE ABSENCE OF OTHER PC PROVINCIAL
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PREMIERS OF FEDERAL CALIBRE WITH THE DECLINE OF LOUGHEED ALL SUGGEST THE CONJECTURE OF DAVIS AS NATIONAL LEADER CONTAINED IN REFTEL CONTINUES TO HAVE FOUNDATION.
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